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TAGS: OVIP (ANDREOTTI, GIULIO), IT

SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI VISIT

REF: STATE 93384

1. AS INSTRUCTED, I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI APRIL 27 TO EXTEND THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN LATE JULY. ANDREOTTI WAS VISIBLY PLEASED WITH THE NEWS, IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE DATES, HE INDICATED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 25, IF THIS DATE IS ALSO AGREEABLE TO THE WHITE HOUSE. ANDREOTTI EXPLAINED THAT A VISIT BEGINNING ON MONDAY WOULD ALLOW HIM TO TRAVEL ON A SUNDAY AND PERMIT HIM TO RETURN IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED FRIDAY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

2. IF THE JULY 25-26 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE, SPEAKING PERSONALLY I SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AND USEFUL TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN LONDON. ANDREOTTI READILY AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVISE AS TO WHETHER ANDREOTTI'S PREFERRED DATES ARE AGREEABLE AND WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ANNOUNCE
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